

THE REPUBLICAN RECORD.

WORK OF ECONOMY ACCOMPLISHED BY  
THE MAJORITY AT ALBANY.

PASSED IN THE TEETH OF THE  
MINORITY OPPOSITION.  
FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.  
Albany, April 27.—The people of this State indeed  
have reason to rejoice that they elected a Repub

with the last Democratic Legislature is vividly shown in the reduction of the State tax rate. With the people of the State suffering intensely from Democratic hard times the Democratic Legislature of 1893 gave them a tax rate of 2.55 mills. Coming to Albany, the Republican Legislature of 1894 has

	1860.	1854.
General	\$10,814,505 34	\$8,274,750 43
Canada	1,430,750 00	1,430,750 00
Schools	1,248,000 00	1,248,000 00
Indians	1,248,000 00	1,285,000 00
Totals	\$17,420,335 34	\$15,162,630 43

liberately accepted early in January by Senator Saxton as president pro tempore of the Senate; by Senator Mullin, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; by Speaker Mahoy, by Mr. Alsworth, the chairman of the Assembly Finance Committee, and Means, and the other members of the House. By Robert Roberts, who kept them informed of the appropriations as they were making. This policy was vigorously followed up during January, February, March and April, and now has been carried to a successful conclusion.

**THE SUPPLY BILL.**

One example of the economy of the Republican Legislature will show its nature. The total amount of the Supply bill, for instance, as sent to Governor Flower by the Democratic Legislature of 1896, was \$1,190,611. Of this amount, \$1,074,766 was taken from corporations and \$23,335 from the State Treasury. The net appropriation was \$1,051,431. The same amount would have had to be raised by taxation if the Republican Legislature had passed the Supply bill and the Supplemental Supply bill this year which must be raised by taxation is \$1,418,619, making a difference in favor of the Republican Legislature of

This reduction in State taxes is especially creditable to the Republicans, owing to the circumstance that the State revenues from indirect taxes, the inheritance tax, corporation tax and the organization tax have fallen off to the extent of \$3,500,000. With \$1,000,000 less in the State Treasury the Republicans nevertheless reduced State taxes by \$1,000,000. Moreover, the Democratic members of the Legislature and Governor Flow have plainly made efforts, despite the small condition of the taxpayers, to increase the State tax rate. Many bills were introduced by Democratic Senators and Assemblmen making extravagant appropriations. Whenever appropriation bills were before the Legislature the Democratic Senators and Assemblmen almost invariably ob-

the Democratic Senators and Assemblymen fought to increase the appropriation for the State Capitol from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The Republicans showed their economy by reducing the Capitol appropriation from its amount in 1893, namely, \$80,000, to \$50,000. Governor Flower showed his spirit toward appropriations by vetoing acts passed by the Republicans to reduce the number of State commissions. He vetoed an act abolishing the office of Shore Inspector, though it was shown before the session of the Legislature that the Shore In-

spector's work is now done by the United States Government. The yearly appropriation of \$28,000 for the support of the office by New-York State is therefore a useless expenditure of money; but Governor Flower, being desirous of preserving an office for several Democratic officeholders, thus perpetuates an annual tax upon the people. The Gov-

ernor also vetoed the following paragraph in the General Appropriation bill, and, indeed, the entire bill containing it, although all the appropriations for the support of the State government, over

The Attorney-General shall designate and select all counsel to be employed in the Department of Agriculture or by the Factory Inspector, Commission of Fisheries or any of the other commissions provided for by law for the enforcement of laws connected with any of said departments or commissions, in all cases hereafter arising, and shall fix the compensation of said counsel; and the Com-

The object the Republican Legislature had in inserting this paragraph in the Appropriation bill was to diminish the great expenses of the State.

for defending and prosecuting law suits, since concentrating the work in one man's hands, the Attorney-General, who is the head of the Law Department of the State, economies can be introduced and practised. In fact, the Attorney-General in many cases would not think it necessary to hire counsel for the State commissions, but would either

do the work himself or have some one of his deputies do it. But Governor Flower thought that some Democratic lawyers would lose employment by the State if he should approve of the paragraph and accordingly vetoed it on the ground that it was a "rider" to the Appropriation bill, despite the fact that he approved similar "riders" in his own

**FOREIGN CORPORATION TAX.**

The Republican Legislature has also taken steps to increase the State income from its indirect taxes and thereby to relieve the taxpayers of direct taxes.

doing business in this State one-eighth of one per cent. It is believed that this act will bring in the State Treasury during the coming fiscal year the large sum of \$500,000. This was the bill drawn in 1893 by George R. Malby, then a Republican Assemblyman from St. Lawrence County and the

Mr. Malby vainly endeavored to pass the bill this year, but the Democrats, under the influence of certain corporations, defeated the measure. Mr. Malby this year had Mr. Fuller, of Jefferson County, introduce the measure, since it is the custom of the Speakers of the Assembly not to introduce any

measures of their own. The measure naturally has his zealous support, and in every legitimate way be forwarded its passage. Another taxation of general interest which the Republican Legislature passed imposes a tax upon all the receipts of the incorporated racing associations of this State.

ally into the State Treasury. The new law, it is believed, will increase the State's receipts nearly \$200,000. It is proposed to continue using a large proportion of this money in paying the premium and other expenses of the agricultural fairs of the State, but it has also been suggested that a pa-

The extent of the extravagance of the Democratic members of the Legislature can be appreciated

when it is known that Sir James Watson, the chairman of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, discovered when the Legislature adjourned that he yet had in his possession appropriation bills introduced by Democratic Assemblymen amounting to \$19,600,000. Of this sum \$12,000,000 in one bill provided for canal improvements. The other \$7,600,000

consisted of miscellaneous appropriations for all possible objects. In a year of public calamity the Democratic minority had no compassion upon the taxpayers of the State. The Republicans, while economical, did not pursue a niggardly policy. They gave ample appropriations for the support of the State's institutions. For instance, those for

increased from \$1,300,000 to \$1,385,000. The canal were more generously treated than by the previous